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1. Nai Suchit Hiranyapruk, Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Nai Pridi Phanomyong and his Free Thai group feel that the best hopes for the liberation of Indochina depend on the leadership of Ho Chi Minh. They in no sense consider him a party line Communist in spite of his past history.
2. They consider him a sincere patriot. However, they feel that it would probably be best for Indochina if Ho did not stay in power after the liberation of the country because his fight against the French has become so bitter. He would be absolutely relentless against anyone in the country who he suspected had not been wholeheartedly for liberation and there would no doubt be a purge of the more moderate elements in Indochina.

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